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Thanks for coordinating with ACWA state representatives to solicit their input on topics to consider for the 2016 Integrated Reporting (IR) Memo. The purpose of this email is to summarize the potential topics the Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD) at EPA Headquarters (including the Monitoring and Listing/TMDL programs) identified for inclusion in the IR memo for the 2016 reporting cycle. These topics were identified based on the following: (a) consideration of issues the states and EPA identified during the 2014 reporting cycle as warranting clarification, (b) importance of highlighting availability of recent and forthcoming assessment information from EPA issued outside of the Integrated Reporting Memo process, and (c) achieve the goal of issuing the memo well in advance of April 1, 2016, such that states can fully consider and incorporate the information during development of their draft IRs.

Potential Topics

While EPA management is still discussing what topics EPA should address, some initial feedback identified these potential topics to address:

- 1) Importance of timely IR submittals and reviews
- 2) 303(d) Program Vision (e.g., discuss long-term prioritization, clarify what is meant by alternative restoration approaches)
- 3) ATTAINS (e.g., discuss ATTAINS redesign and importance of state-scale statistical surveys)
- 4) Nutrients (e.g., discuss importance to continue to work on this area and remind folks of the examples provided in the 2014 IR Memo)
- 5) Clarification on the assignment of waters to Category 4C

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

Our goal is to have the final 2016 IR Memo by the end of December. To help us meet this goal, and pending final decisions from EPA management, we anticipate having a draft copy of the 2016 IR Memo available for Regions and states to comment on from November 10 to December 12, 2014.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.